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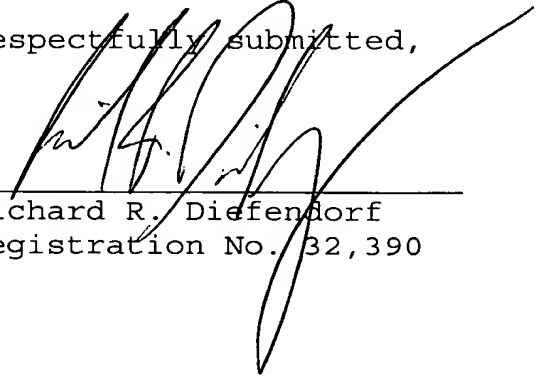
Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action dated February 8, 2002 (Paper No. 7), the invention identified by the Examiner as invention "I", defined by Claims 1-5 and 15-23, is elected, with traverse, for examination.

Product claim 1 explicitly specifies that the tribological coating is a thermally sprayed coating. The rationale provided by the Examiner in section 2 on page 2 of the Office Action for requiring restriction, therefore, is inappropriate.

Respectfully submitted,

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